consideration of the Parliament.

Post and Telegraph Offices in Bihar

6106. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Post Offices, Telegraph Offices and Telephone Exchanges in Bihar at present, district-wise;

(b) whether the number of Telegraph and Post Offices are not according to the population;

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government to increase their number during last two years; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to increase their number in future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) the details of the Post Offices, Telegraph Offices and Telephone Exchanges in Bihar at present, districtwise is given a Annexur in Statement-I, II and III respectively.

(b) POST OFFICES: Post Offices are opened taking into account the population, distance and income norms prescribed for the purpose. Against the All India average with regard to population served per postoffice of 4607. the corresponding figure for Bihar is 6253.

TELEGRAPH OFFICES: The number of Telegraph Offices in Bihar is 4.4. per lakh of population as against the national aerate of 4.9 Offices which Compares favorable.

(c) and (d). Details are given in Statement-IV.

STATEMENT-I

Details of Post Office in Bihar Deistrictwise as on 29-2-92.

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of POs.
1.	Aurangabad	272
2.	Bhagalpur	329
3.	Banka	170
4.	Dhanbad	116
5.	Bokaro Steel City	132
6.	Giridhi	269
7.	Hazaribagh	253
8.	Chatra	83
9.	Palamau	265
10.	Garhwa	82

Sl No	Name of District	No of POs
11	Ranchi	372
12	Gumla	185
13	Lohardaga	41
14	Rohlas	264
15	Bhabua	114
16	Baijnath Deogarh	159
17	Godda	103
18	Sahibganj	142
19	Dumka	267
20	Jamshedpur	235
21	Chaibasa	138
22	Gaya	371
23	Jahanabad	136
24	Nawada	201
25	Begusarai	224
26	Khagariya	131
27	Darbhanga	302
28	Madhubani	418
29	Muzaffarpur	410
30.	Samastipur	378
31	Saharsa	152

Sl. No.	*Name of District*	*No. of POs.*
32.	East Champaran	406
33.	West Champaran	272
34.	Monghyr	233
35.	Jamui	141
36.	Sitamarhi	320
37.	Purnea	176
38.	Katihar	180
39.	Arraria	157
40.	Kishanganj	84
41.	Supaul	152
42.	Madhipura	232
43.	Siwan	309
44.	Gopalganj	193
45.	Vaishali	244
46.	Patna	413
47.	Nalanda	304
48.	Bhojpur*	291
49.	Buxar	173
50.	Saran	366
	Total	11,360

*Includes 2 post offices in Ballia District of Uttar Pradesh which falls under Bhojpur Postal Division of Bihar.

STATEMENT-II

Districtwise Details of Telegraph Offices in Bihar.

Sl. No.	*Name of District*	*No. of Telegraph Offices.*
1	*2*	*3*
1.	Arra-ria	87
2.	Aurangabad	64
3.	Arrah	54
4.	Begusarai	82
5.	Bhagalpur	54
6.	Bokaro Steel City	70
7.	Motihari	109
8	Bettiah	99
9.	Chapra	102
10	Dhanbad	93
11.	Dumka	75
12.	Darbhanga	122
13.	Deoghar	48
14.	Gaya	77
15.	Giridih	76
16.	Godda	65
17.	Gopalganj	92
18.	Hazaribagh	100
19.	Jahanabad	102

Sl No	Name of District	No of Telegraph Offices
1	2	3
20	Jamshedpur	84
21	Katihar	132
22	Khagana	94
23	Lohardaga	34
24	Madhupura	76
25	Madhubani	92
26	Monghyr	36
27	Muzaffarpur	278
28	Biharsharif	70
29	Nawada	94
30	Patna	53
31	Daltonganj	74
32	Purnea	97
33	Ranchi	126
34	Sasaram	49
35	Sabarsa	52
36	Siwan	95
37	Samastipur	105
38	Sitamandi	104
39	Chaibasa	45

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of Telegraph Offices.
1	2	3
40.	Hajipur	42
41	Banki	33
42	Baxur	36
43	Bhabua	38
44	Jamari	41
45	Sahebganj	28
46.	Supaul	23
47	Kishanganj	30
48	Chatra	28
49.	Garhwa	27
50	Gumla	28

STATEMENT-III

Sl. No	Name of District	No of Exchanges
1	2	3
1.	Bhojpur	15
2	Palamu	13
3.	Rohtas	12
4.	Bhagalpur	29
5.	Deoghar	06

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of Exchanges
1	2	3
6.	Dumka	12
7.	Godda	06
8.	Sahebganj	09
9.	Monghyr	21
10.	East Champaran	13
11.	West Champaran	17
12.	Chapra	12
13.	Gopalganj	09
14.	Siwan	08
15.	Begusarai	10
16.	Darbhanga	07
17.	Khagaria	07
18.	Madhubani	13
19.	Saharsa	10
20.	Samastipur	15
21.	Dhanbad	06
22.	Aurangabad	06
23.	Gaya	11
24.	Jehanabad	04
25.	Nawadah	04

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of Exchanges
1	2	3
26.	Giridih	14
27.	Hazaribagh	16
28.	Araria	07
29.	Katihar	09
30.	Kishanganj	04
31.	Madhepura	06
32.	Jamui	05
33.	Muzaffarpur	15
34.	Sitamarhi	10
35.	Vaishali	12
36.	Nalanda	13
37.	Patna	18
38.	Gumla	03
39.	Lohardaga	03
40.	Ranchi	14
41.	Purnea	07
42.	Supaul	04
43.	East Singhbhum	11
44.	Buxar	04
45.	Bhabhua	04

Sl No	*Name of District*	*No of Exchanges*
1	*2*	*3*
46	Bokaro	09
47	Chatra	06
48	Barh	04
49	Garhwa	02
50	West Singhbhum	14
	Total	489

STATEMENT-IV

(c) During 1990-91, 91 new offices were opened in Bihar and during the year 1991 92, 123 post offices have been opened upto 29-2-1992

As regards Telegraph Offices, 490 combined post and Telegraph Offices were opened during the last 2 years in the State

(d) It is proposed to expand the postal network in Bihar during the Eighth Five Year Plan by opening more post offices subject to satisfaction of the income, population and distance norms prescribed for the purpose with the aim of progressively bringing Bihar closer to the All India average with regard to population served and the average area covered by a post offices

As regards Telegraph Offices, it is planned to open 150 Combined Post and Telegraph Offices in Bihar during the Eighth Five Year Plan

[*Translation*]

Expansion of Second Channel of Doordarshan

6107 SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to expand the range of second channel of Delhi Doordarshan,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) if not, the reason therefore

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) (a) to (c) The Second transmitter of 1KW radiating Power commissioned at Delhi in September, 1984, has already been replaced by 10 KW transmitter with effect from November, 1988 There is no proposal, at present, to further augment the power of second channel transmitter at Delhi